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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
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For: Methods and Compositions Relating to  
Fortilin, an Anti-Apoptotic Molecule, and  
Modulators of Fortilin

Group Art Unit: 1635

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**I. AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; AND**  
**II. RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 3, 2005**

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Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicants submit the foregoing amendments to place the case in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated March 3, 2005 for which the three-month date for response is June 3, 2005.